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OF THE

Twenty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Eufaula Baptist Association.

HELD WITH

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Barbour County, Ala.,

COMMENCING OCTOBER 21ST, 1881.

OFFICERS:

W. H. PATTERSON, Moderator, Eufaula. J. STRATTON PAULLIN, Clerk, Clayton.
MIKE CODY, Treasurer, Cowikee.

MINUTES.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, October 21st, 1881.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of the Eufaula Baptist Association convened with this Church at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was called to order by the Moderator, W H Patterson.

After devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, the letters from the Churches were read by brethren T M Bailey, and Mike Cody, and the following Delegates enrolled, viz ;

Bethlehem—R Herring, S A Sims, R J Richards, J E McCormick, J C Borders.

Centre Ridge—Jere Smith, T R Searcy, J J S Willis.

Clayton—J S Paullin, Bunyan Davie, A H Borders, Jesse Robson, H W B Price, Munroe Bennett, A L Oliver.

Cowikee—Jonathan Brightwell.

Enon—John Milner.

Eufaula—W H Patterson, M M Wamboldt, D M Seals, F B Moodie, J D Roquemore, T W Tobey, H R Schramm, John A Walker, T H Craddock, Wm. A Davis, Z J Daniel.

Evergreen—G W Harrison, John Tilly, John Cook, J G Scroggins, F J Kennedy.

Glennville—Wm. S Paullin.

Hurtville—Letter, no delegates.

Midway—W S Rogers, C W Martin, W C Jordan, W L Thornton.

Mount Moriah—A A Adams, J N Raspberry.

Mount Olive—G W Bennett, W T Bishop, M C Bell.

Mount Zion—A W Beverly, R L Baker, W H Lanier.

New Hope—John Foreman, Neecy Fewis, L H King.

Pea Creek—Green Grubbs, S H Vinson.

Pine Grove—Jonathan Thornton, George Boyer.

Pleasant Grove—G A Fellows.

Pleasant Hill—R S Jones.

Ramah—Mike Cody, E L Graves, Z T Weaver, J A Cobb, W W Vaughn, Henry B Florence, R R Gary.

Union—John T Watkins, S A Blakey.

The officers were re-elected by acclamation, viz: W H Patterson, Moderator; J S Paullin, Clerk; and M Cody, Treasurer.

At 11 o'clock, the introductory sermon was preached by Bro. W S Rogers. Text—John 7:17. After which, the Association adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 P. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. T H Stout, of the Salem Association.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On Religious Exercises—H W B Price, H B Florence, J Brightwell, with Minister and Deacons of Bethlehem church.

On State of the Churches—D M Seals, W S Paullin, M Cody.

Finance Committee—John A Walker, James E McCormick, E L Graves.

On Nominations—F B Moodie, A. A. Adams, W W Vaughn.

New Hope Church was received as a member of this body, and the hand of fellowship was extended to her delegates by the Moderator.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

From Judson Association—Jesse Brazzel.

From Newton Association—P M Callaway, N C Underwood, R B Arnold.

From Salem Association—J P Nall, T H Stout, B C Bennett, G W Carlisle, R P Copeland.

A communication from Salem Association was referred to the *Committee on the State of the Churches*, with instructions to report specially, to-morrow at 9:15 o'clock.

Bro. T M Bailey, Cor. Sec. State Mission Board, was received in his official capacity; also, as Representative of the "Alabama Baptist."

Bro. W H Norton was received as a visitor from the Central Association of Georgia.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read and referred to the appropriate committees.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, was read by Bro. E L Graves, and discussed by brethren C W Martin, W S Rogers, D M Seals, T M Bailey, T H Stout, and B C Bennett, after which it was adopted, viz :

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The importance of the Sabbath School is acknowledged by nine-tenths of the religious denominations of to-day and the prejudices of yesterday have been wafted away by christian enlightenment and education. The great wave of Sabbath school enthusiasm has swept over all lands where the name of Him who took the children in his arms and blest them is known and adored, and his injunction "suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not," seems to be nominally complied with. We hear the Sabbath school spoken of as the "Nursery of the church," and the "church at work" and it is claimed, a Sabbath school is one of the essential parts of a prosperous church. God owns and blesses the work of the Sabbath school by converting its members, which fact is attested by the many accessions from the school to the church militant, and oft have we been made to feel that the work of the devout Sabbath school teacher has been the means of preparing the pupil for the church triumphant. This is attested by a sweet song of triumph heard when one of its number is called upon to tread the dark valley of death. Can we then who profess to hold the new

Testament as our creed neglect this means which God has and is blessing so greatly in building up his kingdom upon earth? As to the progress of the Sabbath school work in our association we will quote part of our executive committee's report of last year. "We fear that the interest in our Sabbath schools is on the decline in the association." How could they have made any other report? When we have twenty churches and only eight report Sabbath schools. If the Sabbath school work is truly a christian's work, how can we expect to prosper as christians and neglect it. Although our executive committee have tried Sabbath school mass meetings and have had to abandon them on account of lack of help from the church, we venture to suggest, that this association have a Sabbath school convention to bear the same relation to it that each Sabbath school does to its church and that the Moderator appoint a committee composed of one member from each church, who shall elect officers for this convention and a committee of three whose duty it shall be to draw up a constitution and laws to govern said convention, this convention to meet annually.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, provided for in the Sabbath School Report, viz: Committee of three, E L Graves, Z T Weaver, W S Rogers,

Committee from the Churches—R Herring, J J S Willis, A L Oliver, George Cade, John Milner, W A Davis, G W Harrison, W S Paullin, M L Long, Wm. C Jordan, A A Adams, W T Bishop, R L Baker, John Foreman, Green Grubbs, Jonathan Thornton, John Reece, R S Jones, J A Cobb S A Blakey.

The committee on religious exercises made the following report. Bro. W H Norton will preach to-night. Bro. T H Stout will preach to-morrow at the stand at 11 o'clock, and Bro. P

The following committee was appointed to report on the circular received from the State Mission Board—J D Roquemore, A H Borders, W C Jordan, J J S Willis, A W Beverly, W A Davis, J S Paullin.

The Association then adjourned to 9 A. M., to-morrow, benediction by Bro. N C Underwood.

M Callaway at 3 P. M. H W B PRICE, Chairman.

SATURDAY, Oct, 22d.

9 A. M.—Association called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Z T Weaver.

9:20—*Business Resumed*—Bro. J P Nall, at the request of our *Committee on the State of the Churches*, asked to withdraw the communication of the Salem Association, and leave was unanimously granted him.

CORRESPONDENTS RECEIVED.

From Salem Association—B W Wood, J W Smith, M A Wood.

From Centennial Association—Wm. Pritchett, L W Scott.

The Report on State Missions was read for Bro. Seth Mabry, Jr. by Bro. T M Bailey as follows;

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of our State Mission Board has been prosecuted during the year with unabated vigor. Thirty-five men have been in the employ of the Board for the whole or a part of their time. In past years the work was mostly among the churches; this year the missionaries have labored mostly at destitute points and with weak churches without pastors. One hundred and twenty-five mission stations now claim the attention of the missionaries.

A vast amount of work has been done as the following statistics will show: Weeks service 923, sermons and addresses 3394, churches constituted 8, Sabbath schools organized 71, prayer meetings 70, additions to the churches 526, received by letter into pastorless churches 110, restored 15, religious visits 3,018, subscribers to Alabama Baptist secured 370, miles traveled 41,363, books sold amounting to $1288.26. The receipts of the Board were increased last year 50 per cent, The whole mission work of the State, including State, Home and Foreign Missions have been carried on at a cost to the denomination of 12 per cent. allowing nothing for the missionary work done by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board. Thirty-seven Associations contribute to the work of the Board. Fourteen Associations contribute nothing. The Home Board having withdrawn its work from Alabama, the whole missi on work of the State devolves on the State Board and calls for increased benefactions.

A good work has been begun among the colored people. One excellent colored brother is in the field, and the work will be extended as quickly as the Board can secure the funds for doing so. We recommend that increased contributions be made by the churches for this work.

The Colporteur work has been inaugurated and much accomplished under difficulties. The Convention has instructed the Board to raise during the year $1,200, as a permanent fund for this work. With this amount the Board is of the opinion that in connection with its missionary work it can broad-cast sound religious literature among our people.

For what has been accomplished by this Board, we would "thank God and take courage." Let there be no relaxation of effort in this good work, but let there be enlarged contributions, so that a Baptist church may be planted in every community in our State, and all our churches stirred up to be active working bodies, giving freely of their means to send the Gospel to the whole family of man. SETH MABRY, Chairman.

The report on Home Missions was read by the chairman, Bro. D M Seals, as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

This Board is moving forward in its grand mission with a success limited only by amount of means under its control. It has

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already accomplished much in organizing churches, and in aiding weak and destitute churches at important points over all this Southern country. It has carried the benign influence of the blessed Gospel to the Red-man of the forest in the far West, his last refuge on this Continent. The teaching of the Gospel by the Missionaries of the Board has been made to demonstrate the power and divinity of its Author, by even the civilization of the wild man and is working the most wonderful change in his sentiments and habits, which no other agency, peaceful or forcible, has ever been able to perform. The poor Indian in his restless and revengeful condition is under the ban of the general government, and his only hope is in his acceptance of the precious Gospel of truth, and there is no means of communication with him, except through the Home Mission Board. The civilizing, christianizing and life saving teaching of the Gospel can reach him in his isolation, in no other way except through the agency of the Broad. To no other people on this broad earth, save the colored man in our midst, are we under more obligations to dispense the light of christianity than to those out-cast remnants of once peaceful, numerous and happy tribes of savages, some of whom once roamed even the very grounds we now occupy. This hitherto impracticable savage is now yielding kindly and holding his hands in welcome to the approach of the Missionary of the Cross. Considerable advance has been made in this important department. In addition to the many schools and churches established in the nation, and which are working successfully, a great institute of learning has recently been established in the midst, called the 'Lovering Mission School,' which opened in September last with about one hundred pupils—a number leaving for want of room. The most hopeful results are confidently anticipated for the institute, in educating and preparing this people for the receipt of God's truth.

Notwithstanding the fiat of the politician and of the labor unions that the "Chinese must go," he is still upon our shores in vast numbers, and has brought with him his goods, the workmanship of his own hands—what shall we as christians do with, or for him now that, in God's providence, he is about to become a fixture amongst, if not of us, is a great question for our determination. This question becomes easy of solution by revealing the command of the Master as he was ascending to the Father. Let us preach the Gospel to them and leave the consequences in the hands of our Heavenly Father, who for his Son claims the heart for his inheritance. God's words are spirit and life; let us offer it to the American Chinese; let us hold aloft the blood stained banner of the cross before the gaze of these sons of the Celestial empire, whom Providence has brought to our very doors—God's word will not return to Him void. The work of the Board is being carried on amongst that people in California. Dr. Hartwell, a returned Missionary, has been educated in the language and habits of this very people and now

God has opened up a great field of usefulness to Bro. Hartwell in the evangelization of the Chinese on the golden shores of the Northwest. The Board has most wisely commissioned him to the great work in California, where he has already organized one church, into which he has baptized over sixty converts.

Our Divine Master has graciously put it into the head of a pious sister of Bro. Lowry of Mississippi to devote her life to the Mission work amongst the Chinese women in California; to which point she will be sent as soon as the necessary funds shall be raised to justify the Board in doing so. Shall the pittance needed for the support this self-sacrificing woman of God be with-held by us?

No intelligent christian can be ignorant of the alarming fact, that the valley of the Mississippi is bound hand and foot in the clutches of Popery, and especially is this eminently true of the great city of New Orleans with its quarter of a million of inhabitants, that city situated at the entre port of that great inland sea, which drains that mighty valley. There are but two churches in New Orleans, neither of which is able to sustain a pastor, and one occupying for its worship a house rented by the State Mission Board of Mississippi. While we are rightfully contributing of our means for the evangelization of our Priest-ridden Rome, let us not be unmindful of the Crescent city the strong hold of Romanism in our own Sunny South. The Southern Baptist Convention at its last meeting, instructed the Board to appoint two or more Missionaries to New-Orleans. Let us not fail, brethren, of our duty in this respect. The whole income of the Home Mission Board for last year did not exceed the sum of $15,000, a fund too meagre to enable the Board to cover the boundless territory and its jurisdiction. Shall we not contribute the funds some what commensurate with the designs and benevolent plans and purposes of this wise body of men? God help us to do so! We recommend the adoption of this resolution;

In view of the vital necessity of the Board, and for the successful continuation of our christian enterprises, under its care and in view of the great good it has already achieved, and the bright and hopeful prospects of its greater success;

Be it therefore Resolved, That it is our full duty to support and sustain the Home Mission Board by our prayers and our money, according to the measure of our ability.

D M Seals, Chairman.

The report on Foreign Missions was read as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last injunction given to his Apostles by our Saviour, has been carried out in a very small degree. And though there has been much done in that direction since the days of Carey and his cotemporaries, still when we take into consideration the millions of souls that are in heathen darkness, that are votaries to pagan idols, and die in the delusion of this false theology, we

are constrained to the opinion that we are but in the initiative state of the great enterprise. We do not deem it within the scope of our duties as your committee to enter into statistics on the subject of Foreign Missions, as every reader of the *Alabama Baptist*, and our Missionary publications are familiar with them; but we suppose the object in appointing a committee on this subject, is to keep it prominently before the denomination and we think justly so, for it is indeed a great and glorious enterprise. Nor are we disposed to criticise the policy of the Foreign Missionary Board, nor suggest any change in its machinery, as it has been tried, and proven by the experience of years, and it only requires the necessary motive power in dollars and cents to give it renewed vitality. We earnestly recommend that this Association put forth every effort to further the work of Missions in Foreign lands. Respectfully submitted,

M L Long, Chairman.

The whole subject of Missions being thus brought before the body, it was generally discussed by T W Tobey, W S Rogers, D M Seals, Jonathan Thornton, P M Callaway, J P Nall, W S Paullin, Z J Daniel. Pending the discussion, the Association adjourned to 2 P. M. Prayer by Bro. P M Callaway.

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2 o'clock, P. M.—The report of the Special Committee on the circular of the State Mission Board was read and discussed by the chairman, John D Roquemore:

REPORT.

Your committee, to whom was referred the communication of the State Mission Board have had the same under consideration, and report thereon as follows: They deem the suggestions of said communication as wise and timely, and if they are promptly adopted by the Baptists of Alabama, and fully carried out, the good they will produce will greatly bless our people, and advance the cause of christianity. We heartily endorse the plan of labors made by the State Mission Board, and pledge ourselves to do our part in making it a success. We recommend that the Association raise the total sum of $1,300. This will allow us for Associational purposes, minutes, &c., $100. For Ministerial education $225. To be distributed by the State Mission Board $975. Total $1,300. We recommend that the churches contribute the following sums respectively, to-wit; Bethlehem $85. Centre Ridge $25. Clayton $90. Cowikee $85. Enon $45. Eufaula $400. Evergreen $15. Glennville $15. Hurtville $35. Midway $160. Mt. Moriah $35. Mt. Olive $20. Mt. Zion $100. New Hope $15. Pea Creek $10. Pine Grove $35. Pleasant Grove $10. Pleasant Hill $25. Ramah $85. Union $10. Total $1,300. It will be observed that this sum of $1,300, will cover the entire expenses and contributions of the Association, and it is earnestly hoped that the churches will receive this suggestion in the spirit it is

made, that is, for the purpose of easily and certainly and systematically maintaining the good of our cause.

J D ROQUEMORE, Chairman.
A H BORDERS,
W C JORDAN,
A W BEVERLY,
WM. A DAVIS,
J J S WILLIS,
J S PAULLIN,
Committee.

The discussion of Missions was resumed, and Bro. T M Bailey delivered a very interesting and instructive speech on the work of the State Mission Board during the past year.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Bethel, Ga.—F B Moodie, W H Patterson.

To the Centennial—W S Rogers, W C Jordan, J E McCormick, M M Wamboldt, W H Lanier, R L Baker, John Foreman.

To the Columbus, Ga.—F B Moodie, D M Seals.

To the Judson—A W Beverly, J A Cobb.

To the Newton—W A Davis, Z J Daniel.

To the Salem—W S Paullin, W C Jordan, W S Rogers.

To the Tuskegee—E L Graves, J Brightwell, W S Rogers.

The report on the state of the churches, was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT TO THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

The committee to make a digest of the letters from the churches composing this body, submit the following report, to-wit:

Upon examination, we find that the churches are, almost, without exception, in a fine condition. During the Associational year there have been 137 Baptisms. This is a far larger number than has been reported for several years. For this we should be sincerely thankful, and should give evidence of our gratitude in renewed efforts in the Master's service.

Bro. J C Porter, of Tallahassee, Florida, and Bro. Henry R Schramm, of Eufaula, Ala., have aided several of our Pastors during the summer in special meetings.

Almost every church has paid in full the amounts suggested last year, as its proper share of funds to be raised for Missions and Education.

Every church is represented by letter and delegates, except Hurtville, which sends her letter and contributions by her Pastor.

THE CHURCHES.

Bethlehem—In whose house of worship we hold our present session, extends to us a most hearty welcome, praying God's blessing upon our gathering together. They have a Sabbath School, and report three Baptisms.

Centre Ridge—Live prayer meeting and good Sabbath School. Church in good condition. Reports twenty Baptisms.

Clayton—Has increased its Pastor's salary. They have as Pastor, Elder J S Paullin, who has served them as such for twenty-one years, with the exception of three or four. Their prayer meeting is well attended, and is conducted by the male members of the church. The Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition. Reports six Baptisms.

Cowikee—Cordially invites the Association to meet with them next year. Reports the death of Sisters Browder and Pruett, both useful members. No Baptisms.

Enon—Reports a good revival and five Baptisms.

Eufaula—Is in fine condition. All the services well attended. Sabbath School very large. The church mourns the loss by death of Deacon W H Thornton, well known in the Association, and recognized as one of its wisest members. Bro. D M Seals was ordained a Deacon in March last. The Pastor has resigned, and will leave January 1st 1882. They are trying to secure another to take his place. Reports twenty Baptisms.

Evergreen—A good revival. Eighteen Baptisms.

Glennville—Is in better condition than for many years. Reports one Baptism.

Hurtville—Has been revived, and reports more interest than formerly in all departments of church work. Reports two Baptisms.

Midway—Is in a very fine condition. The church has tried, and she recommends to the other churches, the taking up of monthly collections. Has a young folks prayer meeting, which has been very beneficial. Reports fifteen Baptisms. Flourishing Sabbath School.

Mount Moriah—Is uncertain whether they can support a preacher next year, and is doubtful about having services. Reports one Baptism.

Mount Zion—Expresses thanks for God's goodness. Reports one Baptism.

Mount Olive—Is deeply interested in the work of the Association. No Baptisms.

New Hope—Is a church recently organized near Midway. Sixteen have been baptized, and the church now has twenty-nine members.

Pine Grove—Reports no protracted meeting but has had three Baptisms.

Pleasant Hill—Had a revival, but no additions. Has lost several valuable members by removal.

Pleasant Grove—Has had a good revival, and reports fifteen Baptisms.

Pea Creek—Reports a revival, but no additions.

Ramah—Is in a prosperous condition. Sabbath School is doing much good. Has passed a resolution requiring those holding letters of dismission, to use them within six months. Reports eleven Baptisms.

Union—Is in favorable condition, and reports one Baptism. Respectfully submitted,

D M Seals,
W A Davis, Sec. of Com. W S Paullin, } Committee.
Mike Cody,

There being no report handed in, the Association was addressed by Bro. F B Moodie on the subject of aged and infirm Ministers.

Report of Committee on deceased Ministers, read and adopted.

Your committee on deceased Ministers, beg leave to report that God in his tender mercy has extended the lives of his ministerial servants of our Association, through another year, and do earnestly hope the same report will be made for many succeeding years.

Respectfully submitted,
C W Martin, Chairman.

Report on Education read by Bro. John D Roquemore, was adopted as follows:

To the Eufaula Baptist Association—Your committee on Education submit the following report;

The relation which this Association sustains to the subject which your committee has been appointed to report upon, is of such character as to make it proper that the report shall be more the expression of our opinion than a recommendation of specific action. There is no field of operation for us as a body to fill, and we, at the present, must be content with placing ourselves on record in respect to this most important matter and of giving what impetus to the cause, we may, and individual support by indorsement. So intelligent a body is not expected to argue the utility of educcation, nor indeed are we under the necessity to do so. If an audience is wanting to whom our arguments might be addressed, for the power of knowledge is universally conceded, and the great work, to the pleasing performance of which our hands are invited, is how we may best obtain that indispensable agent of power. Looking to our duty as christians, every help to the education of the masses must be used and every incentive to aspiring youth must be employed. Christianity means advancement in every sphere of life, in every condition of man. No principle of Christianity is more clearly taught than fealty to government, and but poorly instructed is he, who carelessly accepts the freedom of liberty without responding to its compensatory requirements—and these requirements demand at the citizens, hands, effort to make more secure the blessings of good government, and the correction of whatever evils that may exist, which tend to lessen or destroy them. In this free government of ours, which is the best that man has ever enjoyed, the dangers that beset it spring alone from ignorance as the fountain head. Universal education, educated units, will remove the menace to our institutions in the degree of its universality and thorough-

ness. If we would perpetuate our free institutions, if we would increase the safe-guards of personal and governmental liberty, if we would free them from the dangers that vice may threaten them with, we must enlighten, and then purify the source of power. If we would place the people above and beyond the corrupting influence, of vicious ambition and lustful power we must possess the citadel of their moral and intellectual faculties, giving them an enlightened comprehension of the degradation of wrongful conduct and abuse of the evil consequences which may result from them. In the startling and stupendous events that have occurred in this Republic in the last twenty years, the South has seemed to be the chief sufferer, but let our faith in God, and our trustful belief that he doeth all things for the best, renew our hopes and inspire us with confidence that our afflictions have but the better fitted us for a higher and prouder destiny, than was possible for us before. The changes which have come to us, have brought with them new duties to confront us and manfully must we meet them. Our citizenship has been vastly increased by the emancipation and enfranchisement of the negro, and whatever dangers lurked in the pathway of good government from ignorance before, has since the war, been largely augmented by this infusion into the body politic. Many of our white population are without the blessings of education, but this whole mass is beclouded by the densest ignorance. To avoid the evils of this ignorance, christian people must employ every device of wisdom and exhaust every resouree of ability. Government, and private fortuue, philanthropy and patriotism must be appealed to, to educate our children, and the negro must not be overlooked. Individual philanthropy has given to the world, from the humblest walks in life, some of the grandest men that mark the march of time—but this meagre and uncertain agency must be rendered unnecessary by the universal opportunity of free Education for all. What capricious wealth may have done in the past for a few, the State must now do for all, and whenever a glittering jewel may be, it must find the lapidary to remove its incrustation. If the State can claim the allegiance of the citizen, then the citizen can in turn claim the benificence, no less than the protection, of the State. It is our duty to create and maintain a public sentiment in favor of free Education, and no less is it our duty, to create and enforce a demand that it be furnished to rich and poor alike. The school-master should be abroad on the land, and the school house and the church should stand side by side. Man has been encouraged in his progress by being given dominion over unpromised subjects—he was installed at his creation as the king of all animals, but not of the elements; but his audacious assumption of authority over these, has been remanded, and today he is the undisputed Monarch of fire, and air and water, and his conquerings are not yet ended—new fields of conquest lie before him untouched; he is approaching them by the pow-

er of knowledge and by tha same power will stand upon them, Master. The South,—not the new South, but the old South under new conditions—must not stand by and idly gaze in envious wonder at the upward advance of others, but with new hopes, new opportunity, new aspiration, and the certainty of great rewards, she must join the mighty column of advancing humanity, and achieve the grand results so easily within her reach. Every ambition invites it, christian duty demands it.

JOHN D ROQUEMORE, Chairman.

The following report on Temperance was adopted:

Your committee submit the following report. This subject is one of vital importance. It has agitated and is agitating the minds of the people throughout this and other States.

Since the last associational year different steps have been taken to quell this monstrous evil by christians and others, and we are gratified to state that much good has been effected, but there remains ye much to be accomplished.

We reccomend for the furtherance of Temperance that these efforts be continued and that we strive to put down intemperance in every way we possibly can.

It is our duty as patriots to defend our country and not permit this growing evil to scatter the seed of destruction over our sunny land. We should unfurl the banner of Temperance and hoist it on our shores and inscribe on it "Our Fathers and Sons shall not fill drunkard's graves."

It is our duty as philanthropists to drive away this great king alchohol that has swayed his scepter so long over this nation—to force from among us this poison that has and will continue to crush the fond hopes of mothers if not removed—implanting wicked habits in the minds of old and young that time will not erase, shrouding homes with poverty, destroying the lives of many, filling jails and penitentiaries with convicts, dooming immortal souls to endless perdition.

Can we say that we are well wishers of our fellow men and desire to do them good if we permit this destroyer of their happiness and their love to remain in our midst?

It is our duty as christians who lives the cause of Christ and desire to see it prosper to enter our protest against the use and sale of ardent spirits as a beverage.

Can we look relentlessly on our poor fallen humanity over which this tyrant liquor holds high carnival and exhibit the spirit taught in the New Testament? Will not the spirits of men, women and children cry out before the judgement seat of Christ if we allow this destroyer to desolate homes, impoverish families, increase crime, degrade character, encourage immorality and depress Christianity?

Respectfully Submitted,

H. R. Schramm, Chairman Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR, 1880–81.

Your Committee was organized in the city of Eufaula, Oct. 27th 1880, by the election of M M Wamboldt, Chairman; J S Paullin, Secretary and B B Davis, Treasurer.

EDUCATION.

Brother C J Sthephens was continued at Howard College until the funds for that purpose were exhausted, since which time we have had no student in the College. A small amount was expended for Brother H R Schramm.

MISSION APPOINTMENT.

Our Church at Glennville has had no preaching for a number of years, and we appointed Brother J S Paullin to preach there once a month. He found connected with the Church, only one male member, and five or six female. He has preached there regularly, and the Church numbers over twenty five. One has been baptized, and another awaits the ordinance. As there were no funds in our hands for this purpose, Brother Paullin has served the Association gratuitously. We have in Glennville a good house of worship, and the nucleus of a selfsupporting church, and we recommend the Association to continue to aid the few brethren there, until they are able to help themselves. This is an important point as there is no church contiguous there to, and there were sisters in Glennville this year, who had not heard a sermon in four or five years. We call the attention of the State Board to this point of destitution.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We hope that the meetings of the Sabbath Schools may be revived, as their discontinuence has materially decreased the interest in Baptist Sabbath Schools. But this can be accomplished only by the co-operation of our churches, and the attendance of the members on Baptist Sunday School Conventions.

COLPORTAGE.

The anoexed report of our Treasurer will show the condition of this department of our work.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business was adopted, and six hundred copies printed. They were sent to members of all the churches in the Association, and a number here for distribution.

We have made such changes as we thought would add to the efficiency of the body, and hope they will commend themselves to the approval of the Association.

REMOVAL.

By the removal of our Treasurer, Benj. B. Davis, to the city

of Montgomery, we have lost a most faithful and efficient officer of the Association, one of her most efficient members.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. M. Wamboldt, Chairman.

Jas. S. Paullin, Secretary.

B. B. Davis, Treasurer,

In account with the Executive Committee, Eufaula Baptist Association.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd. at Asscciation 1880	Joel Sims	52,00
" " " "	Associational purposes	62,45
" " " "	Minute fund	22,50
" bal, from 1879–80	account	20
	Total	$137,15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. S. Paullin	50,00
" Eld. Joel Sims	30,00
" for Minutes	39,80
Total	$119,80
Balance on hand	$ 17,35

Fraternally Submitted,

Benj. B. Davis, Treasurer.

To the Executive Committee of Eufaula Baptist Association:

I submit herewith a report of the book depository of the Association.

The receipts have been:—

Balance from last year	26,39
E. L. Graves for subscription	5,00
Books sold	64,99
Total	$ 96,38
Paid for books bought	87,09
Leaving a cash bal. on hand	$ 9,29

We have on hand books unsold to the amount of ——— estimated at actual cost.

The following pledges remain unpaid.

W. N. Reeves balance	10,00
M. M. Wamboldt	12,50
D. M. Seals	25,00
W. S. Rogers	12,50
Total	$ 60,00

Fraternally,

Benj. B. Davis' Depository.

The following offered by Brother J. D. Roquemore, was adopted.

Resolved, That the State Mission Board be directed to place $225 of the sum contributed by the Association to the Board, into the hands of the Treasurer of Howard College, for the use of a beneficiary of this Association to said college, less the sum already paid by the Board for the support of such beneficiary, during the past year.

J. D. ROQUEMORE.

The following report on nominations was read by Brother F. B. Moodie and adopted.

To preach the introductory sermon,—A H Borders, Brother W H Patterson, alternate.

The missionary sermon,—T W Tobey, J S Paullin, alternate.

The Executive Committee.—M M Wamboldt, J S Paullin, Wm. A Davis, D M Seals, W N Reeves, F B Moodie, J D Roquemore, S A Holt, Mike Cody, Eli S Shorter.

Delegates to State Convention.—W H Patterson, W S Rogers, A H Borders, J A Foster, Mike Cody, Eli S Shorter, J S Paullin, D M Seals, J D Roquemore, Jesse Roberson, J E McCormick, S A Holt, C W Martin, W N Reeves.

The committee was added to the list of Delegates.

The next session of the Association was appointed to be held with Cowikee Church, near Batesville, on the Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad, commencing on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1882, at 10 o'clock.

The report of the Finance Committee and Treasurer, were adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

DR.

To am't rec'd from	Churches for Asso'l Purposes,	$ 80.10
" " " "	" " Minutes,	31.00
" " " "	Churches and S. Schools, &c., For Missions and Education,	945.15
" " " "	Hurtville Ch., for Indigent Ministers,	25.00
" " " "	Of Sabbath Collection,	33.15
	Total Amount,	$1114,40

CR.

By Treasurer's Receipt, - - - - - $1114.40

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. WALKER, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

DR.

To amount received of Finance Committee, - - $1114.40

CR.

By amount paid Clerk for Associational purposes, and Minutes, 111,10

By am't paid T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec. for Missions, &c. 978,30
" " " Ex. Com. for Indigent Ministers, 25,00

Total Amount $1114,40

Respectfully submitted,
MIKE CODY, TREASURER.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On Sabbath Schools.—Henry F Florence, Jas C Borders, Jere Smith.

On Missions—State.—Wm. A Davis, G W Bennett, A W Beverly.

On Missions—Home.—H W B Price, J J S Willis, J G Scroggins.

On Missions—Foreign.—C W Martin, T H Craddoek A A Adams.

On Deceased Ministers.—W S Rogers, Z T Weaver, L D Hughes.

On Education.—D M Seals, F B Moodie, W J Belser.

The following resolution offered by D. M. Seals, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of the Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the people of this community for the generous hospitality with which they have received and entertained the delegates of this body at the present session.

There being no further business, after extending the parting hand, and prayer by Bro. P M Callaway, the business session of the Association adjourned.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

9. A. M.—Sabbath School Addresses by brethren Bunyan Davie, W H Patterson, W H Norton, W S Rogers, Henry R Schramm and M M Wamboldt.

11 A. M.—Bro. W H Patterson being too unwell to preach, the Missionary Sermon was preached to a very large and attentive audience by Bro. T M Bailey.

The Association then adjourned *sine die*.

W. H. PATTERSON, Moderator.

J. S. PAULLIN, Clerk.

TABULAR STATEMENT

—OF THE—

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Associat'l Purp's.	For Minutes.....	For Missions.....	Indian Missions.	Total	Amout Pastor's Salary.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Church Repairs
Bethlehem... ...	5 00	2 00	33 00	.....	40 00	100 00	300 00	.....
Centre Ridge...	1 50	1 50	15 00	.....	18 00	60 00	150 00	4 00
Clayton.....	6 00	1 00	60 00	.....	67 00	300 00	1000 00	.....
Cowikee,...	.....	1 50	65 00	.....	66 50	200 00	400 00	.....
Enon, ...	2 50	1 00	35 00	.....	38 50	150 00	500 00	.....
Eufaula...	50 00	6 85	300 00	.....	356 85	1500 00	40000 00	.....
Evergreen,... ...	.....	1 50	12 55	.....	13 75	.....	.....	.....
Glennville,... ...	4 00	1 00	8 50	.....	13 00	.....	500 00	.....
Hurtville	3 00	1 60	25 00	25 00	54 60	150 00	1500 00	.....
Midway,.....	5 55	2 00	120 00	.....	127 55	450 00	1500 00	10 00
Mt. Moriah,.....	.....	1 00	25 00	.....	26 00	100 00	200 00	.....
Mt. Olive,... ...	1 00	50	15 00	.....	16 50	100 00	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	.....	1 05	75 00	.....	76 05	175 00	1000 00	61 00
New Hope,... ...	55	1 00	7 80	.....	9 35	50 00	.....	.....
Pea Creek,... ...	50	1 50	2 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....
Pine Grove.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove	50	1 00	5 00	.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill,...	.....	1 00	25 00	.....	25 00	150 00	500 00	.....
Ramah,.....	.....	2 00	65 00	.....	67 00	200 00	1000 00	.....
Union,.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	400 00
Midway S S.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Clayton S S.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Ramah S S... ...	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Public Collect'n	.....	.....	12 10	.....	12 10	.....	.....	.....
Collec'n Sab'th	.....	.....	33 15	.....	33 15	.....	.....	.....

Respect'lly submitted, JNO. A. WALKER, Chairm'n.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Office.	Baptized.	Rec'd by L.	Restored.	Dis'd by Letter.	Dead.	Excluded.	Total membership.	Rep't hold' pray' meet'	Preaching Sabbaths	Saturday before.	Report Revivals
Bethlem.	N C Underwood.	S A Sims.	Louisville.	3	2	1	7	2	5	78	no	2	yes	yes
Centre Ridge.	Z T Weaver.	J J S Willis,	Mt. Andrew.	20	1	2	3			57	yes	2	yes	yes
Clayton.	J S Paullin.	W J Belser.	Clayton.	6	18		2	1	1	78	yes	1&3	no	yes
Cowikee.	W H Patterson.	J Brightwell.	Batesville.		1	2	6	2		63	no	3	yes	yes
Enon.	W S Rogers.	John Milner.	Midway.	5	1	1	2	1		42	no	2	yes	yes
Eufaula.	M M Wambolt.	W A Davis.	Eufaula.	20	21	3	15	4	1	315	yes	ev'y	no	yes
Evergreen.	A H Borders,	F G Kennedy.	Clayton.	18	8		10	2	1	75	no	4	yes	yes
Glennville.	J S Paullin.	I P Cheney.	Glennville.	1	13				2	28	no	4	no	yes
Hurtville.	J S Paullin.	M L Long.	Hurtville.	2			3			47	yes	2	yes	yes
Midway.	W S Rogers.	W E Johnson,	Midway.	15	3	1	8	1		125	yes	1&3	yes	yes
Mt. Moriah.	Z T Weaver.	R P Adams.	Harris.	1	1		1	1	1	17	no	1	no	no
Mt. Olive.	D Rogers.	G W Bennett.	Clayton.				2			40	no	4	yes	no
Mt. Zion.	W S Rogers.	R L Baker.	Three Notch,	1	1		5		1	63	no	4	yes	no
New Hope.	A H Borders.	J A Thornton.	Midway.	16	4					29	no	4	yes	yes
Pea Creek.	L D Hughes.	J A Miles.	Louisville.				2	1	1	35	no	1	yes	no
Pine Grove.	T W Tobey.	Geo. Boyer.	Eufaula.	3			1			33	no	2		no
Pleasant Grove.	A H Borders.	G A Fellows.	Mt. Andrew.	15	6	3	1			54	no	2		yes
Pleasant Hill.	W H Patterson.	J A Roquemore.	Eufaula.				5		2	56	no	2	yes	yes
Ramah.	W H Patterson.	W P Gary.	Harris.	11	3	2	11	1		94	no	4	yes	yes
Union.	Jesse Robson.	J T Watkins.	Clayton.	1	3	1	1	1	1	52	no	2	yes	no

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

THE Committee appointed to arrange for a Sabbath School Convention had a meeting on Saturday afternoon. It was decided to have the meeting with RAMAH CHURCH, on the

FOURTH (4th) SABBATH IN APRIL, 1882.

and the Saturday before, (April 22d and 23d.) A Central Committee composed of Wm. A. Davis, E. L. Graves, W. C. Jordan, W. S. Rogers, and J. S. Paullin, was appointed to prepare a programme, and make all arrangements for the Convention. The Committee will be glad to receive any suggestions with regard to topics to be discussed, or any matter concerning the meeting. Address the Chairman at Eufaula.